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LETTER DATED 2 AUGUST 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter dated 2 August 1993 written to the President of the Security Council from Dr. Ejup Ganic, Vice President, and Acting President of the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I would be grateful, Excellency, if you may assist in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 2 August 1993 from the Acting President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the Security Council

Our sincere commitment to restore peace through negotiations in Geneva has not been equally met by the aggressor. Serbian forces continue to shell, and consequently kill, our civilian population in all regions within the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. These outrages continue on a daily basis.

The Serbian army, with fresh forces from Serbia, has intensified an already heavy offensive on Mount Igman (within the "safe area" Sarajevo), as well as in the northern front near Brcko. This intensification occurred at a moment when it was expected that the offensive would cease, at least during the "peace" talks in Geneva.

The Council is well aware that there are many besieged places in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which are in fact nothing less than big concentration camps, and their inhabitants are exposed to all possible forms of humiliation and threats to life and health. The biggest one among them is Sarajevo, where 400,000 of its citizens are trying to survive under incredible hardships, being deprived of water and electricity. The population of Sarajevo is steadily being killed off, whether it be by disease facilitated by the Serbian interference in humanitarian aid, or by murder, committed by Serbian gunners in surrounding hills.

On behalf of our suffering citizens, I would like to take this opportunity to remind the Council that it is its obligation, and that it is bound, under resolutions 770 and 836, as well as the Charter which created the Council, to take concrete measures to save the civilian population from further killing, hardships and humiliation.

(Signed) Ejup GANIC
Member of Presidency
Acting President